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(any) children are automatically enrolled for \$10,000,” Couvillion said. Military people who hold SGLI coverage for themselves will not be able to disenroll their children from the program.

Military members married to military members will also be automatically enrolled in the program Nov. 1.

“The same rules in terms of coverage and disenrollment apply to military couples,” Couvillion said. “Essentially, each spouse will receive a separate policy (other than the one they already have on themselves) with their spouse as the beneficiary. They’re not being covered twice under the same policy.”

Although coverage for children is automatic, children from dual military families will not receive coverage from both parents. They will receive coverage via the person who claims them through the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

If, by chance, that person is not enrolled in SGLI, then the children’s coverage will divert to the parent who is.

A military participant can decline spouse enrollment or reduce the coverage amount at his or her local military person-

nel flight.

In order not to see any increase in premiums, people must disenroll their spouse no later than close of business Oct. 31. Canceling or reducing coverage after Oct. 31 will take effect the first day of the following month.

“If someone changes the coverage for their spouse Nov. 2, that change will not happen until Dec. 1,” Couvillion said. “And the same holds true for any month thereafter.”

People not enrolled in the program still have time to take advantage of the benefits.

“Anyone wanting to enroll can do so at any time,” Couvillion said. “And when they enroll, their spouse and children are automatically going to be enrolled as well.”

The military person paying the premium for his or her spouse will automatically become the beneficiary. It is similar for children — the parent who claims them under the DEERS system will be named the beneficiary.

“Under this new program, there are no beneficiary designations,” said Couvillion. “It’s intent is to provide extra financial security, and that’s exactly what it does — with minimum cost to the member.”

Veteran’s Day message from PACAF commander

Sunday we pause as a nation to pay tribute to those men and women throughout our history who have served our country in the profession of arms. Those of us who wear the Air Force blue proudly participate in that tradition. The torch has been passed to us from many generations who have served the cause of freedom and defense of the American way of life.

The Veteran’s Day observance has special significance this year. On Sept. 11 we witnessed the savage and deliberate assault against thousands of innocent civilians in New York City, in our nation’s capital, and on the fields of Pennsylvania. This brutal outrage marked only the second time since the Civil War that we have seen Americans attacked on our own soil.

Now, once again we find ourselves thrust into the crucible of war and called upon to defend the nation, just as the generations before us—those we honor on Veteran’s Day—took up the mantle when called upon to do so in their own day and age. What we share in common with those who preceded us are the commitments to duty, honor and country. What our Air Force represents as it always has are the values of integrity first, excellence in all we do, and service before self.

A generation of Americans—indeed of freedom-loving people around the world—is depending on us, just as previous generations of Americans have depended on the men and women of the armed forces of their day. We have challenging days ahead. Yet even as we wage war, let us pause for a moment on Sunday to remember the extraordinary example of those who have gone before. Let us honor their courage and their sacrifice. And let us pledge our commitment, in their memory, to carry on the struggle for freedom and the defense of our nation, whatever it takes for as long as it takes, to win this war against the villainous and bloody scourge of terrorism in our world. Their honor demands it. Our future depends on it.

– Gen. William Begert, PACAF commander

Sec Def: Be patient with Operation Enduring Freedom

By Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense

Good afternoon. I have reflected on some of the questions posed at the last briefing: questions about the ‘speed of progress’ in the campaign – questions about the “patience” of the American people – if something does not happen immediately.

I have a sense that the public understands the following facts:

• On Sept. 11 terrorists attacked New York and Washington, DC, murdering thousands of innocent people – Americans and people from dozens of countries and all races and religions – in cold blood.

• On Oct. 7, less than a month later, we had positioned coalition forces in the region, and we began military operations against Taliban and al-Qaeda targets throughout Afghanistan. Since that time – roughly three weeks ago – coalition forces have flown more than 2,000 sorties, broadcast 300-plus hours of radio transmissions, and delivered an amazing 1,030,000 humanitarian rations to starving Afghan people.

• Today is Nov. 1, and smoke – at this very moment – is still rising from the ruins of the World Trade Center. With the ruins still smoldering and the smoke not yet cleared, it seems to me that Americans understand well that – despite the urgency in the press questions – we are still in the very, very early stages of this war. The ruins are still smoking!

Consider some historical perspective:

• After the December 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, it took four months before the United States responded to that attack with the Doolittle raid of April 1942.

• It took eight months after Pearl Harbor before the U.S. began a land campaign against the Japanese – with the invasion of Guadalcanal in August of 1942.

• The U.S. bombed Japan for three-and-one-half years – until August 1945 – before we accomplished our objectives in the Pacific.

• On the European front, the allies bombed Germany continually for nearly five years — from September of 1940 until May of 1945.

• It took 11 months to start the land campaign against the Germans – with the invasion of North Africa in November of 1942.

• It took the United States two years and six months after Hitler declared war on us before we landed in France on June 6, 1944.

We are now fighting a new kind of war. It is unlike any America has ever fought before. Many things about this war are different from wars past but, as I have said, one of those differences is not the possibility of instant victory.

At my briefing when I announced the start of the air campaign on Oct. 7, I stated our initial goals were:

• To make clear to the Taliban that harboring terrorists carries a price;

• To acquire intelligence to facilitate future operations against al-Qaeda and the Taliban;

• To develop useful relationships with groups in Afghanistan that oppose the Taliban and al-Qaeda;

• To make it increasingly difficult for the terrorists to use Afghanistan freely as a base of operation;

• To alter the military balance over time by denying to the Taliban the offensive systems that hamper the progress of the various opposition forces; and

• To provide humanitarian relief to Afghans suffering oppressive living conditions under the Taliban regime.

That was 24 days ago – three weeks and three days – not three months or three years, but three weeks and three days. We have made measurable progress on each of these goals.

The attacks of Sept. 11 were not days or weeks but years in the making. The terrorists were painstaking and deliberate, and it appears they may have spent years planning their activities. There is no doubt in my mind that the American people know that it’s going to take more than 24 days. I also stated that our task is much broader than simply defeating the Taliban or al-Qaeda – it is to root out global terrorist networks, not just in Afghanistan, but wherever they are, to ensure that they cannot threaten the American people or our way of life. This is a task that will take time to accomplish. Victory will require that every element of American influence and power be engaged. Americans have seen tougher adversaries than this before – and they have had the staying power to defeat them. Underestimating the American people is a bad bet.

In the end, war is not about statistics, deadlines, short attention spans, or 24-hour news cycles. It is about will – the projection of will, the clear, unambiguous determination of the President and the American people to see this through to certain victory.

In other American wars, enemy commanders have come to doubt the wisdom of taking on the strength and power of this nation and the resolve of her people. I expect that somewhere, in a cave in Afghanistan, there is a terrorist leader who is, at this moment, considering precisely the same thing.



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Pride of the Pack

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Nominees are selected for outstanding service and dedication to their unit. To nominate an individual, contact the member’s group commander.

Kunsan Air Base upcoming courts-martial schedule



8 a.m. Nov. 26
8 a.m. Nov. 29



Courts-martial will be held in Bldg. 755, 3rd Floor. They are open to the public. For more information, call 782-4283.